

***Prior to the start of the service,  
we invite silence, prayer and preparation.***

O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and those who are near. This week we pray for:

*Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates, Yemen; The Anglican Church of Australia; All ecumenical and interfaith endeavors involving our congregations and people; for peace and peacemakers*

Heavenly Father, giver of life and health: comfort and heal those who suffer in mind, body or spirit, and give your power of healing to those who minister to their needs. Grant that they may be strengthened and have confidence in your loving care. This week we pray for:

*Sabin Streeter, Keath, Kristi, Hannah Fiske, Blair, families of the victims of COVID-19, Eleanor Robinson, Woody Anderson, Ashley, Burt Devine, Kevin Booth, Michael Trask, Marcy, Mary West Maconi, Sara Qua, Clemente Rico Tornez, Cotty, Todd Lefurge, Watson Bastos, Lillian Spais, Tami Miglio, Anne Griffiths, her daughter Elle and husband Evan Wagner, and children, Whitney*

Receive our supplications and prayers, which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church.

*. . . our parish families:*

*Monday: Terry Parkinson*

*Tuesday: David & Nina Peck*

*Wednesday: Barbara Perkins*

*Thursday: Eleanor Perkins*

*Friday: The Scott Phelps Family*

*. . . those having birthdays this week:*

*Sunday:*

*Monday:*

*Tuesday:*

*Wednesday:*

*Thursday:*

*Friday:*

*Saturday:*

We pray for those who have died:

*All victims of COVID-19;*

*All victims of violence*

*Mervin Roberts, 12/29/20*

*Ronald N. Casey, Ph.D., 1/1/21*

We pray for an end to all violence and racism.

We pray for all affected by the wild fires on the West Coast.

We pray for all who have lost homes, lives and employment as a result of Hurricanes.

We pray for all children in nursery and day care centers, preschools, grade school, middle and high schools, colleges and universities, their teachers and assistants, and administrative school staff, for a safe and enjoyable school year midst the pandemic.

On this day and at this moment, we pray for our nation. We ask God to heal us, to show us the way to healing, to show us the way to be one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.  
(Presiding Bishop Curry)

Grant, O God, that your holy and life-giving Spirit may so move every human heart and especially the hearts of the people of this land, that barriers which divide us may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatreds cease; that our divisions being healed, we may live in justice and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Sunday Worship Rite II

January 17

Prelude

## THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Hymn: Thou whose Almighty word ~ *Moscow*

Hymnal 371



1 Thou, whose al - might - y word cha - os and dark - ness heard,  
 2 Thou who didst come to bring on thy re - deem - ing wing  
 3 Spi - rit of truth and love, life - giv - ing, ho - ly Dove,  
 4 Ho - ly and bless - ed Three, glo - ri - ous Trin - i - ty,

and took their flight; hear us, we hum - bly pray, and, where the  
 heal - ing and sight, health to the sick in mind, sight to the  
 speed forth thy flight! Move on the wa - ters' face bear - ing the  
 wis - dom, love, might; bound - less as o - cean's tide, roll - ing in

Gos - pel day sheds not its glo - rious ray, let there be light!  
 in - ly blind, now to all hu - man - kind, let there be light!  
 gifts of grace, and, in earth's dark - est place, let there be light!  
 full - est pride, through the world, far and wide, let there be light!

Words: John Marriott (1780-1825), alt.

Music: *Moscow*, Felice de Giardini (1716-1796), harm. *The New Hymnal*, 1916, based on *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1875, and Lowell Mason (1792-1872)

Welcome

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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**People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

Collect for Purity

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Gloria in excelsis

Hymnal S278

Collect of the Day

**Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

A Reading from First Samuel

3:1-10

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread. At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. Then the Lord called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. The Lord called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place. Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 139:1-5, 12-17

- 1 Lord, you have searched me out and known me; \*  
     you know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts from afar.
- 2 You trace my journeys and my resting-places \*  
     and are acquainted with all my ways.
- 3 Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, \*  
     but you, O Lord, know it altogether.
- 4 You press upon me behind and before \*  
     and lay your hand upon me.
- 5 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; \*  
     it is so high that I cannot attain to it.
- 12 For you yourself created my inmost parts; \*  
     you knit me together in my mother's womb.
- 13 I will thank you because I am marvelously made; \*  
     your works are wonderful, and I know it well.
- 14 My body was not hidden from you, \*  
     while I was being made in secret and woven in the depths of the earth.
- 15 Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb;  
     all of them were written in your book; \*  
     they were fashioned day by day, when as yet there was none of them.
- 16 How deep I find your thoughts, O God! \*  
     how great is the sum of them!
- 17 If I were to count them, they would be more in number than the sand; \*  
     to count them all, my life span would need to be like yours.

## A Reading from First Corinthians

6:12-20

“All things are lawful for me,” but not all things are beneficial. “All things are lawful for me,” but I will not be dominated by anything. “Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food,” and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is meant not for fornication but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. And God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Should I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! Do you not know that whoever is united to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For it is said, “The two shall be one flesh.” But anyone united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. Shun fornication! Every sin that a person commits is outside the body; but the fornicator sins against the body itself. Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn: I have decided to follow Jesus ~ *Indian Folk Melody, ASSAM*

LEVAS II

**System 1:** Chord C

1 I have de - cid - ed to fol - low Je - sus; I have de -  
 2 Though none go with me, still I will fol - low; though none go  
 3 The world be - hind me, the cross be - fore me; the world be -

**System 2:** Chords F and C

cid - ed to fol - low Je - sus; I have de - cid - ed to fol - low  
 with me, still I will fol - low; though none go with me, still I will  
 hind me, the cross be - fore me, the world be - hind me, the cross be -

**System 3:** Chords G7 and C

Je - sus;  
 fol - low; no turn - ing back, no turn - ing back.  
 fore me;

WORDS: Attr. S. Sundar Singh (1889-1929)  
 MUSIC: Hindustani melody

ASSAM  
 10.10.10.8.

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. John

1:43-51

**People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Anita Louise Schell

The Nicene Creed

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**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## Prayers of the People

Called together as a family of faith from every time and place, we are bidden by God to pray. That we might share our mutual concerns and offer the secrets of our hearts, let us pray, saying: Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for the world; for the leaders of nations, that Wisdom and integrity might prevail; for regions torn by conflict, that peace and harmony might be restored: Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for the church; for the unity of the body of Christ, that needless division might cease; for our bishops; for our clergy, and for all who nurture our life together, that the body may be strengthened and our common life enriched: Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for this parish; for our presence in this community, that persons may find here the means to a deeper relationship with God; and for our ministry of reconciliation, that all may find here the forgiveness of God and the acceptance of each other: Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for those in need; for the hungry and homeless, that food and shelter might be theirs; for the oppressed and downtrodden, that freedom and dignity might be theirs; for the sick and the infirm, that health and wholeness might be theirs: Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions and thanksgivings may be offered.*

By your power, dear God, you raised Christ Jesus and in him we too will be raised. Receive our prayers and those of all your saints, that trusting in you all the days of our lives, we may know the fullness of your love and the power of the resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*from Intercessions for the Christian People  
edited by Gail Ramshaw*

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Agnus Dei (*sung by the choir*) Hymnal S164

### The Invitation to Holy Communion

*A spiritual communion is a personal devotional that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from actually receiving Holy Communion.*

*The presider invites the following prayer to be said by all.*

**God of love and grace, of justice and peace, we give you thanks that in the Sacrament of the altar you assure us of your presence within us and within the body of Christ, the faithful through all the generations; grant that we who have witnessed anew these holy mysteries, though unable to receive the physical elements of the Sacrament, may be moved by your indwelling Spirit ever more fully to embody your holy and life-giving presence, reshaping in your likeness the world around us, until we are gathered at last into the fullness of your glorious and eternal presence; through Christ our Risen Lord, Amen.**

### The Post Communion Prayer (*said by all*)

**Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen**

### The Blessing



Hymn: Lift every voice and sing ~ *Lift Every Voice*

Hymnal 599

1 Lift ev-ery voice and sing till earth and hea - ven ring, ring with the  
 2 Ston-y the road we trod, bit - ter the chas-tening rod, felt in the  
 3 God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent tears, thou who hast

har - mon - ies of lib - er - ty. Let our re - joic-ing rise  
 days when hope un - born had died; yet, with a stead - y beat,  
 brought us thus far on the way; thou who hast by thy might

high as the lis - tening skies; let it re - sound loud as the  
 have not our wea - ry feet come to the place for which our  
 led us in - to the light; keep us for ev - er in the

roll - ing sea. Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has  
 par - ents sighed? We have come o - ver a way that with tears has been  
 path, we pray. Lest our feet stray from the pla - ces, our God, where we

taught us; sing a song full of the hope that the pres - ent has  
 wa - tered; we have come, tread - ing our path through the blood of the  
 met thee; lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we for -

brought us; fac - ing the ris - ing sun of our new  
 slaugh - tered, out from the gloom - y past, till now we  
 get thee; sha-dowed be - neath thy hand may we for

day be - gun, let us march on, till vic - to - ry is won.  
 stand at last where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.  
 ev - er stand, true to our God, true to our na - tive land.

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Dismissal

Postlude

### Scripture Reflection: The “fierce urgency of now”

This weekend we especially remember and celebrate the life and work of Martin Luther King, 1929-1968, an African American Baptist minister and the main leader of the civil rights movement in the United States during the 1950's and 1960's. King had a magnificent speaking ability, which enabled him to effectively express justice. King's eloquent pleas won the support of millions of people and made him internationally famous. He won the 1964 Nobel Peace Prize for leading nonviolent civil rights demonstrations. Martin Luther King heard the voice of God and responded to serve those most in need – those who lived at the fringes of society, those identified in Jesus' Sermon on the Mount, as closest to the kingdom of God. Martin Luther King heard the voice of God and responded in the affirmative, in his words, in the “fierce urgency of now.”

In today's Gospel from John, Philip and Nathanael respond to God's voice as heard in Jesus' call and readily follow God's call to service in the world. We pray in the collect for the Second Sunday after Epiphany that we too may readily follow God's call to “shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth.” And we hear that wonderful story from the third chapter of the first Book of Samuel where God calls Samuel to follow God.

In the time of a worldwide pandemic, civil unrest and racial injustice in our own land that have caused us to critically examine our own practices, beliefs and prejudices, where and how do you hear the fierce and urgent call of God in your life? What is your next step in working toward justice in our own land and time?

*Mother Anita*

### Today's Featured Hymn: “Lift Every Voice and Sing”

The African American hymnal of the Episcopal Church, *Lift Every Voice and Sing*, takes its name from our closing hymn, written and composed by brothers, James Weldon John and J. Rosamond Johnson. James studied literature at Atlanta University and went on to become a song writer and anthologist, teacher and lawyer. In 1906 he was appointed to the US consul for Puerto Cabello, Venezuela and later to Corinto, Nicaragua. He worked as the assistant editor of NY Age; was a visiting professor of creative literature at Nashville's Fisk University; was a trustee at Atlanta University; served as a director for the American Fund for Public Service; and for 14 years, was the National Secretary of the NAACP.

“Lift Every Voice and Sing” was publicly performed first as a poem as part of a celebration of Abraham Lincoln's birthday.. In 1919, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) dubbed it “the Negro national anthem” for its power in voicing a cry for liberation and affirmation for African-American people.

The song is a prayer of thanksgiving for faithfulness and freedom, with imagery evoking the biblical Exodus from slavery to the freedom of the “promised land.” It is featured in 39 different Christian hymnals.

Composer J Rosamond Johnson set the poem to soaring melodies. It was first performed live by 500 Black American students from the segregated Stanton School (elementary/middle/junior high-level), Jacksonville, Florida, in 1900. Rosamond Johnson was also a singer during the Harlem Renaissance. Born in Jacksonville, Florida, much of his career was centered in New York City.

*Mother Anita*

Our next compline will be on **Sunday, January 17 at 8 pm via Zoom**. This service will feature prayers, hymns and music by our organist and choir.



Our Annual Meeting will be held on **Sunday Jan 31 at 11 am** and for the first time via ZOOM.

(There will be no Sunday Bible Study January 31)

We invite and indeed encourage all members of the parish to participate in our annual meeting where reports along with the budget for 2021 will be presented. The slate of nominees for the Vestry as well as convention delegates will be presented and voted upon.

Look for details soon, along with your copy of the Annual Report. **For now, SAVE THE DATE!**